

**Number of South Carolina Certificates of Religious Exemption
Presented to Public and Private School for Students Enrolled for Last Five School Years**

South Carolina Code Section 44-29-180 (A) requires schools to maintain records of vaccinations or immunizations. Annually, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) requires public and private schools to complete the School Summary of Student Immunization Status to obtain the number of students enrolled in South Carolina schools that are adequately protected against certain vaccine-preventable diseases (DHEC Regulation 61-8). Principals/school administrators submit this report, which includes the number of students admitted to school with exemptions, within forty-five (45) calendar days after the beginning of each school year. This process also ensures that schools identify students who are not adequately protected, and can either refer them to a health care provider for vaccination or have an available list in the case of a disease outbreak. In the case of an outbreak, students who are not vaccinated against the disease will be recommended to be excluded from school until the outbreak has been declared over. The data below represents the number of students enrolled with South Carolina Certificates of Religious Exemption for the last five (5) school years.

County	2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018			2018-2019		
	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%
Abbeville	3,256	13	0.40%	3,225	17	0.53%	3,323	33	0.99%	3,281	59	1.80%	3,266	71	2.17%
Aiken	25,126	113	0.45%	25,395	131	0.52%	26,163	158	0.60%	25,955	165	0.64%	25,624	170	0.66%
Allendale	1,328	0	0.00%	1,196	0	0.00%	1,156	1	0.09%	1,110	1	0.09%	1,125	2	0.18%
Anderson	31,657	198	0.63%	33,088	284	0.86%	32,244	297	0.92%	32,301	376	1.16%	32,386	431	1.33%
Bamberg	2,171	3	0.14%	2,197	5	0.23%	2,200	4	0.18%	2,180	7	0.32%	2,100	9	0.43%
Barnwell	4,336	7	0.16%	4,071	16	0.39%	3,871	17	0.44%	3,883	15	0.39%	3,773	15	0.40%
Beaufort	23,644	206	0.87%	23,941	227	0.95%	24,321	269	1.11%	24,482	278	1.14%	24,744	335	1.35%
Berkeley	32,892	161	0.49%	33,585	208	0.62%	33,830	269	0.80%	35,224	321	0.91%	37,236	419	1.13%
Calhoun	2,061	15	0.73%	1,991	18	0.90%	1,981	17	0.86%	1,984	19	0.96%	1,951	23	1.18%
Charleston	52,521	490	0.93%	54,026	604	1.12%	53,749	629	1.17%	55,511	722	1.30%	54,645	912	1.67%
Cherokee	8,768	29	0.33%	9,349	31	0.33%	8,683	43	0.50%	8,573	54	0.63%	8,497	76	0.89%
Chester	5,256	13	0.25%	5,108	19	0.37%	5,199	12	0.23%	5,252	16	0.30%	5,118	25	0.49%
Chesterfield	7,483	17	0.23%	7,461	18	0.24%	7,358	5	0.07%	7,391	22	0.30%	7,018	22	0.31%
Clarendon	5,938	9	0.15%	6,164	11	0.18%	5,985	9	0.15%	5,820	5	0.09%	6,017	8	0.13%
Colleton	6,176	24	0.39%	6,039	20	0.33%	6,016	10	0.17%	5,921	15	0.25%	5,789	30	0.52%
Darlington	11,087	42	0.38%	11,123	39	0.35%	10,999	40	0.36%	10,981	44	0.40%	10,815	51	0.47%
Dillon	6,036	15	0.25%	6,075	17	0.28%	6,001	17	0.28%	5,963	20	0.34%	5,997	28	0.47%
Dorchester	28,121	193	0.69%	28,745	237	0.82%	28,067	223	0.79%	29,138	293	1.01%	29,216	430	1.47%
Edgefield	4,005	8	0.20%	4,049	6	0.15%	3,560	17	0.48%	3,460	16	0.46%	3,506	13	0.37%
Fairfield	2,995	6	0.20%	2,941	7	0.24%	2,944	5	0.17%	2,970	6	0.20%	2,954	14	0.47%
Florence	25,218	84	0.33%	24,911	87	0.35%	24,360	96	0.39%	24,490	122	0.50%	23,856	136	0.57%
Georgetown	9,634	49	0.51%	9,672	54	0.56%	9,528	57	0.60%	9,484	71	0.75%	9,420	92	0.98%
Greenville	81,789	1,171	1.43%	83,192	1,371	1.65%	86,244	1,678	1.95%	87,200	1,946	2.23%	87,923	2,178	2.48%
Greenwood	11,925	62	0.52%	11,909	70	0.59%	11,839	74	0.63%	11,882	81	0.68%	11,737	113	0.96%
Hampton	3,369	4	0.12%	3,258	2	0.06%	3,152	8	0.25%	3,114	4	0.13%	2,775	1	0.04%
Horry	43,952	325	0.74%	44,016	346	0.79%	44,293	455	1.03%	45,318	387	0.85%	45,948	536	1.17%
Jasper	3,860	1	0.03%	3,916	6	0.15%	3,835	14	0.37%	4,081	5	0.12%	4,030	22	0.55%
Kershaw	10,731	29	0.27%	10,705	79	0.74%	10,961	52	0.47%	10,966	51	0.47%	11,005	85	0.77%
Lancaster	12,308	54	0.44%	12,668	67	0.53%	13,008	93	0.71%	12,892	113	0.88%	13,463	149	1.11%
Laurens	9,156	37	0.40%	9,252	49	0.53%	8,873	56	0.63%	8,753	82	0.94%	8,739	93	1.06%
Lee	2,510	3	0.12%	2,525	3	0.12%	2,417	5	0.21%	2,380	5	0.21%	2,238	4	0.18%
Lexington	56,082	432	0.77%	56,817	482	0.85%	58,629	569	0.97%	59,097	630	1.07%	58,482	762	1.30%
Marion	5,245	2	0.04%	5,274	4	0.08%	5,042	8	0.16%	4,859	9	0.19%	4,668	10	0.21%
Marlboro	4,406	1	0.02%	4,288	1	0.02%	4,251	3	0.07%	4,196	2	0.05%	4,098	9	0.22%
McCormick	879	0	0.00%	858	3	0.35%	785	0	0.00%	779	0	0.00%	698	0	0.00%
Newberry	6,069	20	0.33%	6,099	24	0.39%	6,012	38	0.63%	6,101	41	0.67%	6,017	42	0.70%
Oconee	10,237	95	0.93%	10,152	96	0.95%	10,530	117	1.11%	10,504	120	1.14%	10,536	179	1.70%
Orangeburg	14,504	24	0.17%	14,462	26	0.18%	13,305	30	0.23%	13,574	35	0.26%	13,583	29	0.21%
Pickens	16,649	123	0.74%	16,565	148	0.89%	16,411	176	1.07%	16,224	199	1.23%	16,129	250	1.55%
Richland	63,226	467	0.74%	61,470	457	0.74%	63,000	602	0.96%	63,700	764	1.20%	60,851	781	1.28%
Saluda	2,369	8	0.34%	2,849	14	0.49%	2,357	12	0.51%	2,434	14	0.58%	2,489	19	0.76%
Spartanburg	48,931	777	1.59%	48,839	952	1.95%	50,053	1,126	2.25%	50,630	1,389	2.74%	50,683	1,608	3.17%
Sumter	17,957	21	0.12%	18,036	30	0.17%	18,115	33	0.18%	17,745	50	0.28%	17,532	63	0.36%
Union	4,130	7	0.17%	4,051	5	0.12%	4,048	11	0.27%	4,073	10	0.25%	4,060	14	0.34%
Williamsburg	4,695	2	0.04%	4,645	6	0.13%	4,470	6	0.13%	4,313	6	0.14%	3,912	8	0.20%
York	43,900	466	1.06%	45,597	569	1.25%	47,138	685	1.45%	48,389	837	1.73%	49,735	887	1.78%
Statewide	778,588	5,826	0.75%	785,795	6,866	0.87%	789,405	8,074	1.02%	798,558	9,427	1.18%	796,384	11,154	1.40%

References: School Summary of Student Immunization Status for the school years noted above.

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